

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing system comprising:

first sending means for sending electronic mail to a receiver via internet;

analysis means for receiving the electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the internet and for carrying out a keyword analysis of a message portion of the received electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of the message portion,

the message portion of the received electronic mail comprising a string of first words that include the registered keywords and, located intermediate the first words, second words that fail to include the registered keywords,

the analysis means selectively shortening the message portion to retain ~~text corresponding to~~ the first words that include the registered keywords and to leave out the second words ~~not corresponding to~~ that fail to include the registered keywords

to form the short text of the message retaining the first words
and omitting the intermediate second words;

storing means for storing the short text of the
electronic mail obtained after the keyword analysis; and

second sending means for sending the short text of the
electronic mail stored in the storing means to the receiver via
the internet in response to access of the receiver.

2. (original) An electronic mail processing system of
claim 1, further comprising:

rearrange means for receiving the electronic mail sent
from the first sending means via the internet and for
rearranging the received electronic mail in a priority order
previously registered by the receiver; and

second storing means for storing the received
electronic mail rearranged by the rearrange means,

wherein the analysis means carries out the keyword
analysis of the received electronic mail stored in the second
storing means on the basis of the keywords previously registered
by the receiver to obtain the short text of the electronic
mail.

3. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing
system comprising:

a first sending means for sending electronic mail to a receiver via internet;

an analysis means for receiving the electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the internet and for carrying out a keyword analysis of the received electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail, the analysis means first decomposing the message portion into words and word groups, and second selectively shortening the message portion to retain first decomposed text ~~corresponding to~~ including the registered keywords and to leave out words other decomposed text not corresponding to the registered keywords, the other decomposed text being located within the message portion intermediate the first decomposed text;

a storing means for storing the short text of the electronic mail obtained after the keyword analysis; and

a second sending means for sending the short text of the electronic mail stored in the storing means to the receiver via the internet in response to access of the receiver;

the keywords are individual keywords including dates, place names, proper names and individually set particular terms, and group keywords including an occupation, an occupational type and an age group of an electronic mail sender and receiver.

4. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 3, further comprising:

rearrange means for receiving the electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the internet and for rearranging the received electronic mail in a priority order previously registered by the receiver; and

second storing means for storing the received electronic mail rearranged by the rearrange means,

wherein the analysis means carries out the keyword analysis of the received electronic mail stored in the second storing means on the basis of the keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain the short text of the electronic mail.

5. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing system comprising:

first sending means for sending electronic mail to a receiver via internet;

rearrange means for receiving the electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the internet and for rearranging the received electronic mail in a priority order previously registered by the receiver;

an analysis means for carrying out a keyword analysis of the received electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail that omits

intermediate words not matching the registered keywords, the analysis means selectively shortening the message portion to retain text corresponding to the registered keywords and to leave out words not ~~corresponding~~ matching to the registered keywords and located intermediate the text corresponding to the registered keywords;

storing means for storing the short text and the received electronic mail rearranged by the rearrange means; and

second sending means for consecutively sending the received electronic mail stored in the storing means in the stored order to the receiver via the internet in response to access of the receiver.

6. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing system comprising:

first sending means for sending electronic mail to a receiver via internet;

voice conversion means for receiving the electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the internet and for converting content of the received electronic mail into voice signals;

an analysis means for carrying out a keyword analysis of the received electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail, the analysis means

selectively shortening the message portion to retain text portions corresponding to the registered keywords and to leave out words, intermediate the retained text portions that do not corresponding to the registered keywords;

reading out means for reading out the voice signals output from the voice conversion means to produce voiced electronic mail; and

second sending means for sending the voiced electronic mail produced by the reading out means to the receiver via a public telephone network in response to access of the receiver.

7. (previously presented) An electronic mail processing system of claim 6, further comprising:

document output means for selecting one of plural reply documents previously registered by the receiver and outputting the selected reply document in response to a signal sent from the receiver via the public telephone network; and

reply sending means for preparing electronic mail from the reply document output from the document output means and for sending the prepared electronic mail to the electronic mail sender via the internet.

8. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 6, further comprising:

rearrange means for receiving the electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the internet and for rearranging the received electronic mail in a priority order previously registered by the receiver; and

storing means for storing the received electronic mail rearranged by the rearrange means,

wherein the voice conversion means converts the content of the received electronic mail stored in the storing means into the voice signals.

9. (previously presented) An electronic mail processing system of claim 6, further comprising:

rearrange means for receiving the electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the internet and for rearranging the received electronic mail in a priority order previously registered by the receiver;

first storing means for storing the received electronic mail rearranged by the rearrange means; and

second storing means for storing the short text of the electronic mail obtained after the keyword analysis,

wherein the voice conversion means converts the content of the received electronic mail stored in the second storing means into the voice signals.

10. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing system comprising:

first sending means for sending voiced electronic mail to a receiver via a public telephone network;

conversion means for receiving the voiced electronic mail sent from the first sending means via the public telephone network and for converting content of the voiced electronic mail into a text as content of a communication matter;

an analysis means for carrying out a keyword analysis of the received electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail, the analysis means initially decomposing the message portion and subsequently selectively shortening the decomposed message portion ~~to retain~~ into the short text by retaining text portions corresponding to the registered keywords and ~~to leave out~~ leaving out words not corresponding to the registered keywords and located intermediate the retaining text portions;

storing means for storing the voiced electronic mail of a destination text converted by the conversion means and the short text; and

second sending means for sending the received electronic mail stored in the storing means to the receiver via the internet in response to access of the receiver of the voiced electronic mail.

11. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing method, wherein a provider stores electronic mail sent to a receiver via internet in a receive mail box and sends the electronic mail stored in the receive mail box to the receiver via the internet in response to access made by the receiver via the internet, comprising the steps of:

first step for carrying out a keyword analysis of the received electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail, the analysis selectively shortening the message portion to retain text corresponding to the registered keywords and to leave out words intermediate the retained text that are not corresponding to the registered keywords;

second step for storing the short text of the electronic mail after the keyword analysis in the receive mail box; and

third step for sending the short text of the electronic mail stored in the receive mail box to the receiver via the internet in response to access of the receiver.

12. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing method, wherein a provider stores electronic mail sent to a receiver via internet in a receive mail box and sends the electronic mail stored in the receive mail box to the receiver

via the internet in response to access made by the receiver via the internet, comprising the steps of:

first step for rearranging the received electronic mail in a priority order previously registered by the receiver;

second step for storing the received electronic mail rearranged in the first step in the receive mail box and analyzing a message portion of the received electronic mail, the analysis selectively shortening a length of the message portion ~~to retain~~ by retaining instances of text ~~corresponding to~~ including user registered keywords and ~~to leave out~~ leaving out words not ~~corresponding to~~ included in the registered keywords found intermediate the retained instances of text corresponding to the user registered keywords; and

third step for consecutively sending the received electronic mail stored in the receive mail box in the stored order to the receiver via the internet in response to access of the receiver.

13. (previously presented) An electronic mail processing method of claim 12, further comprising:

fourth step for storing the short text of the electronic mail after the keyword analysis in the receive mail box, the fourth step being carried out before the third step.

14. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing method, wherein a provider stores electronic mail sent to a receiver via internet in a receive mail box and sends the electronic mail stored in the receive mail box to the receiver via the internet in response to access made by the receiver via the internet, comprising the steps of:

first step for analyzing a message portion of received electronic mail, the analysis i) forming a short text by selectively shortening a length of the message portion ~~to retain~~ retaining text corresponding to user-registered keywords and ~~to leave~~ leaving out words located within the message portion intermediate the retained text and not corresponding to the user-registered keywords and ii) converting content of the short text of the received electronic mail into voice signals;

second step for reading out the voice signals converted in the first step to produce voiced electronic mail; and

third step for sending the voiced electronic mail produced in the second step to the receiver via a public telephone network in response to access of the receiver, wherein the electronic mail to be converted into the voice signals in the first step is the short text of the received electronic mail obtained by carrying out a keyword analysis of the electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver.

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) An electronic mail processing method of claim 14, wherein the first step further includes rearranging the received electronic mail in a priority order previously registered by the receiver.

17. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing device comprising:

receive means for receiving electronic mail sent to a receiver via internet and for storing the received electronic mail in a receive mail box;

analysis means for reading the electronic mail out of the receive mail box and for carrying out a keyword analysis of the readout electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail, the analysis means selectively shortening the message portion to i) retain text portions corresponding to the registered keywords and to ii) leave out words located within the message portion intermediate the retained text portions and not corresponding to the registered keywords;

a key-worded receive mail box for storing the short text of the electronic mail obtained by the keyword analysis; and

sending means for sending the short text of the electronic mail stored in the key-worded receive mail box to the receiver via the internet in response to access of the receiver.

18. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing device comprising:

receive means for receiving electronic mail sent to a receiver via internet and for storing the received electronic mail in a receive mail box;

analysis means for reading the received electronic mail and for carrying out a keyword analysis of the readout electronic mail on the basis of keywords previously registered by the receiver to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail shortened by omitting words within the message portion not corresponding to the registered keywords, the analysis means selectively shortening the message portion to identify and retain text portions corresponding to the registered keywords and to leave out words located between the retained text portions and not corresponding to the registered keywords;

rearrange means for reading the electronic mail out of the receive mail box, for rearranging the electronic mail in a

priority order previously registered by the receiver and for storing again the electronic mail rearranged by the rearrange means in the receive mail box; and

sending means for consecutively sending the rearranged electronic mail stored in the receive mail box in the stored order to the receiver via the internet in response to access of the receiver.

19. (currently amended) An electronic mail processing device comprising:

receive means for receiving electronic mail sent to a receiver via internet and for storing the received electronic mail in a receive mail box;

analysis means for reading the received electronic mail and for carrying out a keyword analysis of the readout electronic mail, on the basis of a database of keywords previously registered by the receiver, to obtain a short text of a message portion of the electronic mail,

the analysis means referring to the database for selectively shortening the message portion ~~to retain~~ by deleting words not registered as keywords and retaining text corresponding ~~to~~ portions of the message portion that include the registered keywords ~~[[and]]~~ to leave out words ~~not corresponding to the~~ registered keywords located within the message portion between registered keywords;

mail conversion means converting content of the short text of the received electronic mail into voice signals and for reading out the voice signals to produce voiced electronic mail; and

sending means for sending the voiced electronic mail produced by mail conversion means to the receiver via a public telephone network in response to access of the receiver.

20. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 1, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

21. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 2, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion process and language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing

terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

22. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 3, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

23. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 4, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

24. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 5, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji

conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

25. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 6, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

26. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 7, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means

for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

27. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 8, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

28. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 9, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.

29. (original) An electronic mail processing system of claim 10, wherein at least one of a Japanese kana-kanji

conversion processor and a language dictionary for use in at least composing electronic mail is shared between a personal computer and a portable information processing terminal, and at least one of the personal computer and the portable information processing terminal is used as the electronic mail sending means for sending the electronic mail via a wireless connection interface.